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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/813,988

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2871

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: EXAMINER: RUDE

FOR: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 24, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8, 10, and 15-20, for further prosecution. In addition, Applicants
elect, with traverse, species A and sub-species A2, as a single disclosed species. Claims 1-8
and 10-14 read on the elected species.

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REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 10, and 15-20, drawn to an out-of-plane switched liquid
crystal display (LCD) element; and

Group II: Claims 9, 11-14, and 21, drawn to methods for using an LCD element.

In addition, the Office is requiring an election of a single disclosed Species as
follows:

If Group I is elected, then elect A or B as follows:

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